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UPON

CHRISTMAS DAY

Last 1680. in the

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OF

EDENBOROUGH,

Sent in two Letters from two several Friends to a
C I T I Z E N of *London.*

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THE
FIRST LETTER.

THE manner of it was thus, They had taken up a resolution to Celebrate this Pageant a week or a fortnight before to which all generally consented. In order whereto they employed a Carver who erected them a Wooden Holyness or a Pope in Effigy with Cloaths, Tripple Crown, Keys and other necessary habiliments, for which there was a general Collection amongst the Students. All things being in readines on Thursday night, they acquainted some others with it, by which the rumor came to the Provosts Ears, who was so enraged that he sent for the Premier and Regents, Commanding them to order the Students to desist from their enterprize with menaces, that if they would not he would make it a bloody Christmas to some of them.

After which he went down to the Abby, to acquaint the Duke and Chancellor with it. The former was much moved, and the latter swore a great Oath that if they undertook it he would order six hundred of Lithgows Regiment to be brought within the Town. (Which is an infringment of the Legal Priviledges of the City) To Cut down all Students where ever they saw above four or five assembled together. Order also was given that the Guards should be doubled.

But the Students, not being at all dismayed, went on with an intire resolution to accomplish the project in pursuance of which they would live or die together. Being encouraged by Merchants and Tradesmen, who by this time were acquainted with their purpose, and came and offered their assistance, yea most of the Town, excepting the Magistrates, resolved if Lithgows men were brought in they

they would Lay out the Blew Blanket Flag, seldome laid out
and taken in without Blood-shed.

The day being come, they all as well Students as Apprentices with others convened in the Morning, and at nine a Clock (the Soldiers not being as yet brought in), the Lads took their opportunity and carried the Pageant to the High-street, (the Duke being then in the Council-house) and immediatly set fire to it, shouting no-Pope, no Pope. Every old Wife thought her self happy that could get a stroke at it, and made as great a noise as any, Cursing the Pope and blessing the Students, but they were not well separated till General Dalziel with Lithgows men came raging through the streets like Lions, but they being but one Company, they were not regarded.

S I R,

Your Servant.

Christmas Day,

1680,

THE

Second Letter

From another Friend at Edenbrough, giving an Account of the same.

Edenb. Decemb. 25. 1680.

S I R,

THis Night I intend you only the Diversion of our Christmas; some days since the Boyes of the Colledge took a conceit to Burn the Pope, and Antichrist, on this day, as most proper for it.

They ordered the Pope and his Formalities, to be prepared in good Fashion, with his Mitre, Crosier, Pastoral Staff, and Robes; but the thing taking Air, is brought to my Lord Chancellor's Ears, who judging rightly how necessary it was at this Time, to prevent the beginnings of such Insolencies, sent for the Magistrates, and enjoyned them very strictly, to be careful to hinder it; The Magistrates called the Principal, and Regents; and after severe Intimations to the Boyes, the Principal causes a Bond to be tendred to them, whereby, considering of what dangerous consequence it might be to Burn the Pope in Effigie, they were to bind neither to do it this day, nor hereafter: Some Bearnies took it, but the rest of the Classis insolently refused it; and so the thing coming to be more apprehended, I am told, that some

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of the Council met Yesterday for the Preventing of it, and the Principal Officers of the Forces were in Arms most part of the Night, that they brought the Companies from Leith, and gathered all the Forces about, to the Cannogate, without beating of Drums, that our Magistrates were up all Night; the Pro-voost in the Court of Guard, and the Bailiffs at the Ports, and this Morning early the Gray-Coats, the Town-Guards, went to the Colledge, and some other Houses, conducted by the Town-Mayor, and seized several Scholars judged to be most active, in their Beds, and committed them to the Cannogate Tolbooth; where they still lie; two or three of them are English Boyes, but they say innocently suspected; one of them is said to be one Gray, Son to Sir Phil. Gray. A little after Day the Magistrates sent the Town-Guards again to the Colledge, to prevent any Rendezvous there, but the Boyes in the mean time met in a place called the High-School-Yard; and having ordered the Pope, and taken the best Opportunity, they bring the Pope up Black-Fryers to the High Street, just about the Time that a Bailiff ordered by the Magistrates was come that length discharging tumultuous Meetings, and commanding our Train-Bands to be in Arms; but the Boyes took the Paper from the Officer; and having read a short Accusation against His Holiness, they set Fire to him with Links, having ordered a Train within him. About the same Time General Dalziel getting the Alarm, for which he was in readiness, sends in a Squadron of His Majesties Horse-Guard, conducted by the Lord L--- with Kettle-Drums, the Kings Standard, and Swords drawn, by the Cowgate Port, who rid in great haste to the Grass-Market; and the General himself, with other Companies, follow them with no less haste the same way; the Companies being followed with three Men carrying Ball, Match and Powder; and by the Nether-Bow-Port enters the E. of Marr, about the same Time with two Companies drawn up in one; and before he came the length, the E.

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of *Linlithgow* passing by where the *Pope* was first fired, draws his Sword, and drives off the Boyes, though they were rude enough; and coming to the *Burning Pope*, he turned him over, and caused his Men to draw him under the weynd head; but they fearing *Powder* in the *Pope's Belly*, left him; and the Lads beat the *Pope* with Sticks until the Powder took fire, and blew off his head, and then they took the Head and Chair, and haled him through all the Streets to the Weigh-house: The *E. of Marr* marching fast after them with his two Companies; but the Chair being then broke, the Boyes scattered, only they tossed the Head a while, and the *E. of Marr* returned as he went up, and the *General* came from the *Grass-Market* down the *High-Street*, and the *King's Guard* in the same posture as they came in. We have also had good *Guards* to day, to suppress the remains of the disorder, our *Train-Bands* came not together, yet I must assure you, that in all this business there were none but *Boyes* only. You may see how careful we are to prevent the *Extravagancies* that abound with you, for otherwise all the world knows what *Protestants* we are: You need not doubt but this *Show* would gather concourse enough, and the People cryed, *No Pope, No Pope*, and made sport enough of the whole. This Account I hope will help you to pass your *Christmas* the more merrily. I am Sir Your Humble Servant.

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